

fare in Nashville there is opportunity to gather facts and inaugurate policies which will place Nashville at the head of the list of cities enacting progressive legislation for the benefit of the juvenile delinquent.

Social settlements should be modernized and strengthened. A program of family case work, child welfare and public health service should be inaugurated. City, county and State institutions dealing with the juvenile delinquent should co-operate in establishing a unified policy of legislation, and court action toward making responsible citizens out of boys and girls who have been handicapped by poverty, family life and city streets.

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Georgia.

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GEORGIA TO HAVE Wants Ne- THREE PROBATION gro Woman OFFICERS ON DUTY Officer

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Juvenile
Officer
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Woman's Federation Makes
This Request of Mayor

It was announced recently by Jas. P. Faulkner, Executive Secretary of the Georgia Department of Public Welfare, that Georgia children during the month of September will have three federal probation officers on charges of theft and burglary. According to the state-supervisor of Joel R. Moore, president of the Federation of Women's Clubs, took up the matter of adjustment with Judge Moore was a visitor in Georgia Raiford Falligant of the Juvenile during the past week in the in-court. The fact that these offenders were less than ten years of age warranted some steps being taken whereby such young children may be exposed to criminal temptations.

Judge Samuel H. Sibley, presiding judge of the North Georgia District, and Thomas B. Mimms, of the State Department of Public Welfare. In Macon, Mr. Moore conferred with Judge Bascomb S. Deaver of the Middle Georgia District and Richard A. Chappell, present federal probation officer for the entire State of Georgia.

"Effective probation service will reduce the jail population of the state and reclaim many youthful offenders," said Mr. Moore in discussing the additional service for the state.

Individuals and organizations interested in this movement are Mrs. Willis Heard, vice president of the in seven states for experimental advisory board to the mayor, Mrs. A. R. Lawton, member of the these states. This year less than fifty probation officers have been authorized by Congress, yet Georgia gets three. This success is attributed to the interest of our federal judges, our State Department of Public Welfare and our representatives in Congress.

After the report of the president at its October meeting, the Federation sent a committee including Mrs. McIver, Mrs. Lucy Newton, Mrs. Victoria Roberts, Mrs. Rosa Perrin, and Mrs. John McIntosh to confer with the mayor, Gordon Saussey, concerning the appointment of a police woman to work among members of the race. Another com-

mmittee including Mrs. M. E. Harper, Mrs. Victoria Roberts and Mrs. Jas. R. Davis was appointed to request of the Board of Education a col-

llecting the additional service for the state.

Two years ago seven federal probation officers were employed in Georgia for experimental purposes. Georgia was one of the first states to have a juvenile court, and the Negro Educational Committee represented by J. W. Hubert.

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STUDY RACE CHILDREN AT UNIV. OF CHICAGO

CHICAGO Feb. 6. — A special course in the study of problems of juvenile delinquency among Chicago Negroes with emphasis on the family background will be undertaken by the Urban League and the local community research committee of the University of Chicago. It will be the second of a series of similar studies. Prof. E. R. Moses, former director of sociology at Straight University, New Orleans, who made a similar study in Detroit, will be in charge, assisted by University of Chicago students.

Research Expert Studying Problem Offered by Increasing Delinquency

Broken Homes, Low Wages, Employment of
Mothers and Transplanted Families Are
Listed as Contributing Causes

CHICAGO, June 23 (ANP).—The problem of growing waywardness among Negro boys and girls in Chicago has for its contributing causes broken homes, with either father or mother gone, transplanted families, low wages, cheap rents, mothers employed outside the home, according to the study being made in Chicago by Prof. Earl R. Moses, former professor at Straight University, New Orleans. Mr. Moses is making the study under the auspices of the University of Chicago, where he is a research assistant, and the Chicago Urban League, in which organization he is director of research.

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father, mother, and patient, earnings of father and mother, occupation, neighborhood, religion, floor of building, front or rear, amount of rent paid, role of delinquent in family, etc. In the other series mentioned above, map plotting to indicate special distribution. The intensive personality studies include history of behavior difficulties, physical and psychological findings and intensive materials covering the cultural background, including the delinquent's "own story."

"In a number of the neighborhoods where delinquency is high are districts where delinquency was high before the Negro population moved in. Some of the probation officers say that the first few years a new population is in a neighborhood delinquency is higher than later.

"The most prevalent rents paid are \$35, \$37, \$25, \$40 and \$50.

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parole officers who parole boys to him, and is making personality studies in reference to the delinquents' family backgrounds. He is also supplementing his studies with the experience of probation officers and others.

"Thus far the study indicates," he said, "that in the homes of the Negro delinquents the prevailing situation is that the father is dead and the mother remarried, or that the father has deserted the mother. Fewer mothers are housewives staying at home than is the case among white delinquents. Many mothers are domestics or are employed in industry.

Few Own Homes

"It seems that fewer parents of Negro delinquents own their own homes than is true among the white American group with foreign-born parents. The income level appears to be slightly lower among the Negro delinquents than among the white delinquents, except for one nationality.

The weekly earnings of the fathers of the Negro delinquents range from \$22 to \$35. The women earn \$12, \$13, \$15, \$18, and sometimes \$20 and \$25.

Many Phases

"The entire record of each case of the 1929 series has been checked carefully with reference to first offender or recidivist, nationality, age, sex, grade in school, court sentence, nature of delinquency, school record, marital status, number of persons in household, birthplace of father, mother, and patient, earnings of father and mother, occupation, neighborhood, religion, floor of building, front or rear, amount of rent paid, role of delinquent in family, etc. In the other series

Less Than 8 Years

"Generally among the Negro delinquents the family has lived in Chicago less than eight years. That may suggest that a possible contributing cause of delinquency is the difficulty to readjust to a new environment. Most of the boys have had more than one address and there is a high rate of mobility, but always within a neighborhood.

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OHIO COLORED GIRL PROBATION OFFICER

DES MOINES, Iowa—(ANP)—
Chosen from a list of more than a dozen applicants of both races, Miss Marguerite A. Esters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Esters, was appointed probation officer of the Polk County juvenile court by Judge Joseph E. Myers.

Miss Esters, who is now a junior law student at Drake University, received her A. B. degree at the same school in the June class. She was the first girl of her race to graduate from the new Roosevelt High School, which is located in one of the most exclusive residential sections of the city.

The new probation officer, who lives at 1423 Center Street, is president of the Delta Chapter and state organizer of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Miss Esters is also president of the Cosmopolitan Club at Drake University, chairman of the interracial committee of the Youth's conference and a former playground teacher.

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Maryland.



WAXTER URGES NEGRO WORKERS ~~Problems~~ AT INSTITUTION

Colored Personnel Can
Handle the Problems
Better

CLOSE MELVALE

Institution Impossible,
Juvenile Judge Says

A complete Negro personnel from top to bottom for Cheltenham, and a proposed institution for delinquent girls were urged by Juvenile Court Judge P. J. Waxter, speaking at the "Y" Anniversary at Bethel A.M.E. Church, Sunday. 2-3-30

"And whatever body the legislature might be induced to appoint to map out a program for delinquent and feeble minded Negro boys and girls in the state, should have on it a goodly number of Negro men and women," the judge declared.

Cheltenham

Speaking of Cheltenham, Judge Waxter declared:

"Cheltenham has 12,000 acres of land, a fine substantial building, and the state pays good wages, but there is one thing lacking there that every institution should have, that is, the proper attitude the child has toward the institution. Is he contented? Is he getting something out of that school? Cheltenham they don't have that." Baltimore, 2-3-30

"Give them the elements of education, take them out of the illiterate class. There should be colored personnel who come into contact with the children who come into the institution, to give them some background, and to teach them to understand why they should be right—show them some reason why they are there and enough of a trade to be able to go out and earn their living."

"We should have men who are really going to see their problem, men who are going to see their point of

view. After all, it is up to you, because it is primarily your problem."

"In the whole state of Maryland, there is not one single institution to which the colored feeble minded and delinquent children may be sent. We of the Juvenile Court feel that we should have an addition to Crownsville.

Melvale Impossible

"The two great problems that are facing us are, first, as to the delinquent child. We do have reformatory schools in which we can take care of them, but there is no institution in the state where the feeble minded can be sent.

"The truant girls are sent to the Melvale Industrial Home, but Melvale is absolutely impossible at the present time. The reports are to the effect that conditions at that place are impossible—the house is in very bad condition, there is no equipment with which to work, the girls have had no knives and forks, but at the present time have spoons with which to eat. The moral condition is terrible. There is no supervision over the building and the girls are not being properly clothed. It is impossible to do anything at that place as it now stands.

"We have gotten together about \$1,000 from various sources which we expect to spend as soon as we have organized a definite plan of procedure.

"We hope to get the backing of Gov. Ritchie. Of course we can't send all children to institutions. We try to keep them out of the institutions. Even the best institution in God's world is a bad place for a child. So we have to find some place other than an institution for as many as we can. We take the child out of the home and we try to find a foster parent. With that thought in mind, we are sending one man throughout the counties this summer to try to find homes for the colored children—persons who will adopt them and give them a decent home, and help them get a decent hold on life."

"We feel that if we can get enough colored people who understand and will work—that if we can get that kind of colored people interested—we will be able to work and do more for the colored children and will be able to get something done."

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GETTING A SLANT ON THE WOMEN BEHIND THE BARS

Courier

By BERNICE

1/25/30

I like "plural personalities"; they are most intriguing.

In her cozy little Atlantic City home I met a woman, who impressed me rather forcibly as an excellent illustration of just this type.

My preconceived notion of what Atlantic county's first and only colored police matron must be like, was shattered to pieces, in the face of my first glimpse of Mrs. Sarah E. Brown.

In her greeting Mrs. Brown was the fond mother, the young girl's confidante and advisor. She took my active hand in both of hers, held it in a warm, gentle clasp, the while two soft brown eyes gazed steadily into mine. Then a smile, a dimple—and, oh, yes, I believe I noticed a mass of lovely gray hair.

But in answer to a question concerning her work Mrs. Brown replied with some emphasis:

"Unquestionably, it is the parents in the majority of instances who are responsible for the deplorable number of delinquent cases which come to our department daily. Here the quiet dignity and firmness of the disciplinarian were felt, rather than noted in any visible change of countenance.

"Boys and girls, both white and colored ranging in ages from 8 to 16 years, are sent to the detention room to await summons to the Juvenile Court, and it's the duty of the matron in charge to personally receive, search, record cases and make daily report of behavior while in her custody.

"That Judge William H. Smathers of the Juvenile Court is convinced that sheer negligence on the part of

parents is the crux of the situation, is evidenced by his severe scoring of trouble, wanted to return to her them when arraigned before him. He mother in Virginia, so the Circle not only reprimands the parents, but produced the \$50 with which to pay in some cases he fines them, and in her expenses back to her home.

all events he exacts a promise of future co-operation in the training of their own offspring, and not to leave the entire burden upon the shoulders of others.

"But aren't the Negroes in this county doing something to mitigate this evil among our own?"

"Wel-l-l."

I glanced up suddenly from my notes. She had settled farther back upon the sofa. She had paused. A

pair of eyes had narrowed to mere slits, as though they had surveyed a vast area, and eliminated all save one object, and were now training their full fire and force in one far-reaching, piercing thought. Her mind seemed concentrated upon one unrevealed vision. There was "caution," too. At that moment Mrs. Brown seemed so much the "road builder." Appeared as one who paved the way as she trod along, yet ever planning ahead, and beyond it, the ultimate fruition, all things being equal. This woman was not simply "holding down a political job."

"Well, she resumed, I have been active in various organizations practically all of my life, and especially warm, gentle clasp, the while two among boys and girls. So when I took up my duties at the City Hall, just eight years ago tomorrow, Jan. 14, I knew pretty much what to expect. One year after, the Martha V. Martin Rescue Circle, of which I am the president, was founded through my efforts to provide a place for us

many of the unfortunate young girls who came under my jurisdiction as possible. On the 26th of this month, seven years later, we dedicate the home, which has been purchased with funds provided by the Martha V. Martin Rescue Circle—alone. It is located at 1212 Columbia avenue, Pleasantville, N. J., has been chartered by the state, but will be supported entirely by the Circle.

"Last year, this organization sheltered 74 girl-mothers and their babes, and in some instances cared for the young mothers who were in ill health, for as long as six or seven months, providing medical services free of charge, and generally build-

ing up mother and child, until the little woman was in condition to seek work.

"Occasionally we are in a position to do something for the boys. That is, the Circle. (Although it exists mainly for girls in the condition I have stated.) A youth who had gone astray and was found wandering around among the dives in Philadelphia, was completely outfitted, given a traveling bag and \$52 and sent back to Tennessee to his mother, City.

"In conclusion I might add that Mrs. Brown is active in 12 different clubs, including civic, political, religious, and fraternal organizations. She is a ~~board~~ leader among her own.

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NEXT WEEK—"Efficient young woman gets 'break'!"

POLICE MATRON



1/25/30
Courier
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CHARLOTTE, N. C.
OBSERVER

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PATRIOTIC WORK OF NEGRO WOMEN.

Public Welfare Progress, published by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, is reminding the public of a situation at Efland which is demanding attention at the next session of the Legislature, with statement to the effect that the board will once more ask the General Assembly to accept the North Carolina Training School for Negro Girls, located there, as "a gift" to the State from the negro club women. This school, so Public Welfare Progress says, founded in 1924 through the efforts and sacrifices of negro women over the State, has been existing on a meagre maintenance fund, \$2,000 of which has been contributed by the State each year since 1927. The negro club women have contributed thousands of dollars towards the establishment and maintenance of this building, and now wish to present the institution as a gift to North Carolina provided that the State will carry on the work.

It is argued that the taking over of Efland school would mean the completion of North Carolina's four-square institutional program. The State would then have training schools for both white girls and white boys, negro girls and negro boys. At present the State has no facilities, except the use of the tiny institution at

Efland, which is really a private institution, for the training of delinquent negro girls. The population of this school numbers around 15, at most, 20, which is indeed small when one considers the number of negro girls who each year are brought before the juvenile court.

The negro club women, declares Welfare Progress, have done a notable work in establishing this institution for the young girls of their race who have started on the wrong track and need guidance. The institution is greatly cramped for funds, and it would appear time for the State to assume responsibility for this institution which is after all only doing work of a public nature.

The state board is interested in seeing Efland become a state institution. Mrs. W. T. Bost, commissioner of public welfare, said, in order to complete the four-square program of institutional training for delinquent youth in North Carolina, it was pointed out that there was no provision for the training of delinquent Negro girls, although

there are the Jackson and Eastern Training schools for white boys and the Morrison school for Negro boys. The Efland school, welfare officials said, has been operating under a handicap because of shortage of funds. The capacity of the school, it was said, is only 15, without crowding. The school plant, it was stated, is valued at \$25,000, being composed of a cottage building and 169 acres of land. The welfare workers of the state department said the work of establishing and operating the school has been done by the Negro club women at a sacrifice.

The Negro women have offered the school to the state with no strings attached, representatives of the board said, except the understanding that it be operated for the purpose for which it was founded.

ASK LEGISLATURE TO TAKE SCHOOL FOR NEGRO GIRLS

Erected at Cost of Much Denial
by Negro Women, School
Does Great Work

Raleigh, Nov. 3 (AP)—The legislature of 1931 will be asked in the legislative program of the state board of charities and public welfare to take over the training school for delinquent Negro girls at Efland, the state board announced today. The school was established by the Negro club women of the state in 1924.

The two preceding general assemblies were asked to accept the school as a gift providing the state would continue the work being done. Both

declared, however, although they granted \$2,000 annually for maintenance of the school.

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North Carolina.

Ohio.

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~~Appointed State
Parole Officer~~

~~10-78-30~~

CLEVELAND, Oct. 17.—Hon. Hal H. Griswold, director of state welfare, announced the appointment of Samuel V. Perry, brother of John H. Perry, deputy county clerk, as state parole officer for the Cuyahoga and Mahoning counties district.

The appointment was made possible by State Representative Perry E. Jackson and through the assistance of the following leading citizens: Hon. Harry E. Davis, civil service commissioner; Councilman Lawrence O. Payne, Clayborne George, Leroy Bundy, Rev. Russell Brown, Attorney Alexander H. Martin, Hon. Harold H. Burton, city law director; Judge John P. Dempsey, Mrs. Lethia C. Fleming, Miss Jane E. Hunter, Hon. B. L. Britton, insurance executive; Frank Launders, golf professional; W. R. Conners, executive secretary of the Negro Welfare federation, and Peyton W. Lemon, treasurer of the Empire Savings and Loan company.

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Pennsylvania.

PROBATION AGENT
October 10-18 '30



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HARVEY A. SHAW

Formerly Boys' Work secretary at the Center Avenue Y. M. C. A. and a Boston University graduate, was named as probation agent for the Department of Justice, Board of Pardons for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. His offices will be located in the Berger building. The naming of Mr. Shaw marks the first time in local history that a Negro has received such an appointment. Mr. Shaw's duties will include the looking after parole prisoners from the Western Pennsylvania penitentiary.

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PROPOSED SCHOOL.

South Carolina.

The Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives of the South Carolina General Assembly has introduced a bill that would establish an Industrial Training School for Negro Boys to be known as the John G. Richards School. It is proposed that the school be placed under the management of the State Board of Public Welfare, and that its personnel be drawn from among the Negro race.

Palmetto Leader

The proposed school would be open to boys between the ages of 8 and 17 years, voluntarily committed by their parents or guardians, or in the absence of either, by themselves. In either of these cases the warrant of commitment would be approved by a Circuit Judge, a Probate Court, or a Judge of a County Court. They would be kept there until they are 21, unless dismissed sooner by order of the Board of Public Welfare. *3-15-30*

Instruction would include such branches of useful knowledge as are suited to the boy's years and capacities; and such trades would be taught as would enable them to earn an honest livelihood.

Boys between 8 and 17 indicted for crime would, before they are tried be committed by consent of parents or by the Judge or Magistrate before whom indicted. After conviction in lieu of sentence, the trial Judge would be permitted to commit the defendant to the school.

Columbia, S.C.

All expenses would be borne by the state, except such sums as the parents and guardians of certain boys would pay, and such sums as would be donated.

It is presumed that these boys who would be committed voluntarily would be of such character as would make their commitment to such an institution the best thing for them and their community, and that their conduct would be of such nature as would give evidence of bordering on criminal. If this is true the idea is a good one and is deserving of support.

The object of such an institution should be to reclaim those youth who give promise of going astray, for society, and to teach them to be useful citizens. It is well that the judiciary committee thought to couch in the bill the provision that the school's personnel should be Negro, for Negroes would certainly carry that sympathy and understanding and kinship with them as would more nearly bring the boy into the realization of his better self. We hope that this bill is acted upon favorably and that the John G. Richards Industrial Training School for Negro Boys may become a reality.